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Detective Andrew Hoskins Receives the Commissioner's Public Safety Award

(Paulding County, GA) On Tuesday June 27, 2023 Detective Andrew Hoskins, who is a Detective within the Criminal Investigations Division of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, was awarded the Paulding County Board of Commissioner's Public Safety Award. Detective Hoskins was awarded the Commissioner's Public Safety Award for the lifesaving efforts he exhibited on January 1, 2023. Detective Hoskins has been employed with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office for over ten years.

Detective Hoskins, who worked as a Deputy in the Sheriff's Office Uniform Patrol Division at the time of the incident, was assisting another Deputy at the conclusion of a vehicle pursuit which ended at West Memorial Drive in the area of Bolton Furniture in Dallas. The pursuit ended when the suspect's vehicle crashed through a telephone pole and struck not one, but two buildings as it came to rest down an embankment adjacent to one of those buildings.

As Deputies made their way to the vehicle, they noticed that a fire erupted in the engine compartment of the vehicle. Detective Hoskins went down the embankment and made contact with the occupants of the vehicle. As the fire gained strength, Detective Hoskins was able to pull an injured, innocent female passenger out of the burning vehicle and up an embankment to other Deputies.

Detective Hoskins then went back to the vehicle, with the flames steadily increasing in intensity, and pulled the male suspect out of the vehicle and up the embankment to safety as well. A short time later, the vehicle became fully involved in flames.

Sheriff Gulledge remarked, "I am so thankful that Detective Hoskins had the presence of mind to take action that night. Because of his quick, yet decisive actions, Detective Hoskins was able to save the life of the innocent passenger along with the suspect in the pursuit. I am very proud of him and what he did to save those



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individuals". As a result of this incident, Detective Hoskins also received the Paulding County Sheriff's Office *Life Saving Award* for the actions that he took that night.

During the Board of Commissioner's meeting, Detective Hoskins was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Commissioners along with a "Dinner for Two" Gift Card from *Texas Roadhouse*. Congratulations to Detective Hoskins and thank you to *Texas Roadhouse* for the generous donation of the gift card!

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